

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Norio KIMURA et al. : Confirmation No. 9516  
Serial No. 10/601,789 : Attorney Docket No. 2003\_0865  
Filed June 24, 2003 : Group Art Unit 3723  
APPARATUS FOR POLISHING A SUBSTRATE : Examiner Hadi Shakeri  
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**PETITION FOR THIRD MONTH'S EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

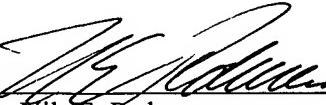
Petition hereby is made for a third month's extension of time to respond to the communication of November 1, 2006.

- The fee of \$900.00 is  
 submitted herewith.  
 to be charged to Deposit Account No. 23-0975. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.  
 Small entity status of this application is established by a Small Entity Status Assertion which  
 is enclosed.  
 has been previously submitted.

Respectfully submitted,

Norio KIMURA et al.

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